



PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant	:	Steinke, Tom
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For	:	PROTECTIVE COATING FOR STENT
Examiner	:	Thaler, Michael H.
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 3, 2006, please amend the application as indicated:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.